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SUBJECT: TFPK01: OMAN GRANTS BLANKET OVERFLIGHT CLEARANCE
FOR RELIEF MISSIONS

On October 12, Royal Oman Air Force HQ informed Embassy Muscat Defense Attache Office that it is granting blanket diplomatic clearance for all relief flights overflying Oman to the afflicted regions. Aircraft need only initiate contact with Omani ATC prior to entering Omani airspace, and use the appointed flight designation for relief-related missions. We note that granting such blanket flight clearance approval is an exceptional step by the Omani government.
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